EAT A RAINBOW:

Maximising the benefits of colour variety with melons





DID YOU KNOW?

"Eat a rainbow" is supported by science!

Adding colour variety to your diet doesn't just add a pop to every plate, it also provides extra health benefits.

A world first study shows that "eating a rainbow", a range of different coloured fruits and vegetables, is important for health¹. The colour pigments found in fruits and vegetables are called 'bioactives', with each offering a range of health benefits¹.

The benefits of eating a variety of colours go beyond those of just having more fruits and vegetables in the diet.

Australians are not getting enough colour in their diet.

This is because Aussies are not choosing a variety of different coloured fruit and enough of them^{1,2}.



But it's easy to get more

COLOUR VARIETY

in your diet with melons!



Melons come in many colours and help to boost both fruit intake and colour variety.



Just add TO GET THE BENEFITS OF COLOUR VARIETY

> fruit intake & variety

colour intake & variety

taste & enjoyment



WHY MELONS?

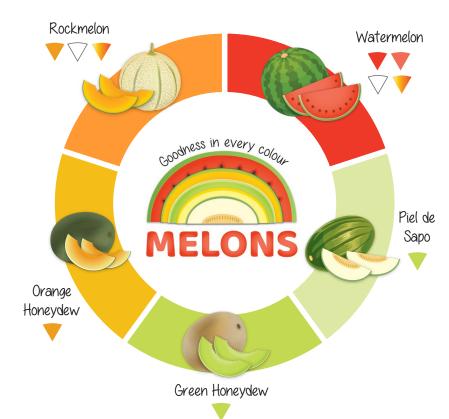
Melons contain goodness in

EVERY COLOUR

Each melon colour provides its own blend of health-promoting pigments¹, plus essential nutrients, as part of a healthy, balanced diet.







Red lycopene supports:

- · a healthy heart
- · normal metabolism
- protection from some cancers
- · a long life

Orange betacarotene supports:

- · a healthy heart
- · normal metabolism
- protection from some cancers
- · a long life
- · healthy bones

Green chlorophyll helps with:

 seasonal allergy symptoms

Red betacryptoxanthin

supports:

- normal metabolism
- · protection from some cancers
- a long life
- healthy bones

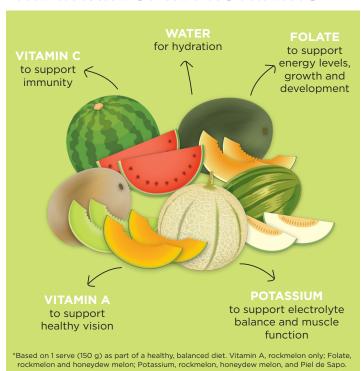
Red, orange, and yellow total carotenoids support:

- a healthy heart
- normal metabolism

White flavones support:

- · a healthy heart
- protection from some cancers
- · a long life

Just add THE INTAKE OF KEY NUTRIENTS⁹⁻¹¹



Melon FUN FACTS

COLOUR VARIETY IN ONE CUP PER DAY

Just one daily serve of mixed melons, as part of the recommended fruit intake and a healthy, balanced diet, can benefit health³⁻⁹.



HALF A CUP OF WATER **IN EACH SERVE**

At around 90% water, melons are also great for hydration⁴!



LOW GLYCEMIC LOAD

which can help to support healthy blood sugar levels12.



THE WHOLE MELON COUNTS!

Seeds and rind also contain bioactives. The rind can be cooked into a stir-fry and the seeds are being used by food scientists to turn it into oil and flour 13,14, reducing food waste while creating new products!



IT IS EASY & DELICIOUS TO N

Just add VIELONS















Research shows that fruit intake is increased when it is convenient and accessible¹⁵.



CHOP

STORE AT EYE LEVEL IN THE FRIDGE

FREEZE

MAKE IT SAFE



WASH hands, chopping boards and knives before and after handling.



STORE at 5 degrees or below. Consume within 4 days (cut melon), two weeks (whole melons), or one month (frozen melon). Cut melons that have been out of the fridge for more than 2 hours should be discarded.



AVOID:

Melons with cracked, bruised, decayed or mouldy skin.





Rockmelons if pregnant or immune-compromised16.



3 **MAKE IT** FUN



FRUIT KEBABS Create different shapes and sizes to make it fun to eat.



SUMMER SNACK Add as the base of smoothies, melon sorbets or as ice-cubes for drinks.



SALAD

Try watermelon with feta, Piel de Sapo with chicken, rockmelon with prosciutto, or honeydew with cucumber.



GET INSPIRED Scan for recipes.

Just add S AT EVERY STAGE OF THE JOURNEY - FROM YOUR SHOPPING CART TO YOUR PLATE



Shopping cart looking bland? Just add melons



Fridge grey and uninspiring?

Just add melons



Salad looking too green?

Just add melons



Freezer looking too much like ice?

Just add melons



Afternoon tea needing a colourful pick-me-up?

Just add melons

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